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RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE COURIER SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of courier operators registered with the Government and the details of regulations governing their operations;

(b) whether the government proposes to formulate a new law covering all aspects of private courier operators and also of Indian Postal Services and put in place regulations of these services for providing efficient and value added services to benefit customers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Courier operators are not registered with the Department of Posts. However, private couriers registered with the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for the purpose of Foreign Direct Investment, are given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c) There is a proposal to amend the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.The proposal inter alia envisages appointing of a Mail Regulatory and Development Authority to regulate mail sector in the country. However, the proposal has not yet been finalized.